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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON SITUATION UNDER NEW REGIME  
AND NIGERIAN-CAMEROONIAN RELATIONS

1. DURING MY CALL ON NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR SADA, DEAN OF CORPS, HE REFLECTED ON VISIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF COUP IN LAGOS, WHICH HE LEFT ON SEPTEMBER 1. SADA FOUND THAT IT IS NOW POSSIBLE FOR HIM OR OTHER AMBASSADORS HOME FOR CONSULTATIONS TO SEE MINISTRY OFFICIALS ALL THE WAY TO TOP AT ONCE AND FOR LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED, BY SHARP CONTRAST WITH EARLIER PRACTICE. BECAUSE OF NEW CHIEF OF STATE'S REPUTATION AS NO-NONSENSE SOLDIER WITH COMBAT EXPERIENCE, EVERYONE FROM GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO TAXI DRIVERS AND STEVEDORES WORKS HARDER, MORE EFFICIENTLY, AND MORE CAREFULLY, FOR FEAR OF GETTING INTO TROUBLE WITH THE NEW AUTHORITIES, WITH RESULT THAT TRAFFIC IS ALREADY FLOWING MORE FREELY AND PORT IS LESS CONGESTED THAN BEFORE, AND THREE SHIPS ARE BEING UNLOADED A DWP.

2. NIGERIA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO SADA. HE EXPLAINED RETIREMENT OF TOP DIPLOMATS AND TRANSFER OF OTHERS AS SOMETHING MORE OR LESS ANALOGOUS TO DEPARTMENT'S GLOP, THAT IS, DESIGNED  
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TO EXPOSE OFFICERS TO A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES. IN THIS

CONNECTION, HE MENTIONED THAT HIS NEW MINISTER WOULD HOLD MEETING  
OF NIGERIAN CHIEFS OF MISSION IN EUROPE AND AMERICA WHILE  
ATTENDING THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION IN NEW YORK.

3. ACKNOWLEDGING THE GOOD PERSONAL RAPPORT ESTABLISHED  
BETWEEN PRES AHIDJO AND GEN GOWON, SADA AVERRED THAT CAMEROONIAN-  
NIGERIAN RELATIONS WOULD REMAIN AS BEFORE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF  
AHIDJO'S STATURE AS AN AFRICAN STATESMAN WHO ENJOYS THE UNUSUAL  
COMBINATION OF INTERNATIONAL RESPECT AND DOMESTIC STABILITY.  
AT THE SAME TIME, SADA AGREED THAT NIGERIAN-CAMEROONIAN RELATIONSHIP  
WAS SOMEWHAT ANALOGOUS TO THAT BETWEEN US AND CANADA, AS DESCRIBED  
BY PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU.  
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